

Where Oklahoma Ranks in Dental Health

Oklahoma ranks poorly in most of the indicators of oral health tracked by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The following results are from a 2010 CDC survey; rankings include all states and the District of Columbia unless otherwise indicated. No ranking is available for results for third-grade students because surveys were conducted in different years.

57 Percentage of people aged 18 and over who have visited a dentist or dental clinic in the previous year. Oklahoma's rate is the lowest.

25 Percentage of adults aged 65 and older who have had all natural teeth extracted because of tooth decay or gum disease. Oklahoma ranks sixth worst.

54 Percentage of adults aged 65 and older who have lost six or more teeth because of tooth decay or gum disease (2008 survey). Oklahoma ranks fourth worst.

50 Percentage of adults who have had any permanent teeth extracted. Oklahoma ranks 12th worst.

58 Percentage of third-grade students in school year 2009-2010 with treated or untreated tooth decay, or cavities.

23 Percentage of third-grade students in school year 2009-2010 with untreated cavities.

33 Percentage of third-grade students in school year 2009-2010 with dental sealants on at least one permanent molar.

65 Percentage of residents drinking fluoridated water (2010). Oklahoma is tied for 17th lowest.